On the appearance of the human race, another beneficent being destroyed the giants and demons who persecuted him, or converted them into animals, taught mankind the arts of life and gave him fire. The stories embodying these acts, vary considerably in detail with the different tribes, as may well be expected from oral traditions often confounding the attributes or functions of the two and have but little regard, to keeping & consistency. According to most of them the last mentioned personage became the moon.

The first, who among the Chinooks is called Salipus, and by the Klikatats - Spilyai, both signifying prairie wolf, seems to be identical with the Smeow of the Spokanes and the Hoddeh or Whunneh of the upper Chihalis and Nisqualies; while the Kannum or Ecannum of the Chinooks, is the Watteetash of the Klikatats, the Stoqualm of the Nisqualies and the Spikani of the Selish or Flatheads these two latter names signifying the sun or moon. The word Watteetash according to some accounts is however a generic name, including all the Elip Silikum or primeval race.

The Chinook legend was originally mentioned by Francheire, from whom others have taken the account, It is substantially that the Salipus created mankind, but left them imperfect, and that an inferior but beneficent being, Ecannum, opened their eyes and mouths and taught them the arts. The editor of